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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Admittance of Fire Department to Agency Secure Areas

25X1A 1. This morning at the regular D/S Staff Meeting Mr. Bannerman was briefed on the false fire alarm at Central Building which occurred 4:00 a.m., 9 September 1963. Mr. [] raised the question as to whether firemen should be permitted entry in the Agency's secure areas and vault areas housing highly sensitive material in the event of fire.

2. Mr. Bannerman stated that the firemen should be permitted entry into such secure areas and efforts made to protect the sensitive material, if possible. He pointed out that he would not want a repetition of the ASA fire overseas at which a security officer refused to unlock the gate to permit the fire department to fight the fire and consequently the building was destroyed.

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